
ANNUAL REPORT 2020

St. John's Anglican Church
"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

Annual Congregational Meeting – February 14, 2021



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AGENDA

- 1 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 2 February 14, 2021
- 3 ➤ Call to Order
- 4 ➤ Opening Prayer
- 5 ➤ Determination of Quorum (10% of Members present)
- 6 ➤ Annual Report Presentation
- 7 ➤ Rector's Report
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- 9 ➤ Accounting Warden's Report
- 10 ○ 2020 Financial Summary
- 11 ○ Presentation of 2021 Budget for Congregational Approval
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37 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—FEBRUARY 9, 2020

38 Call to Order: Rev. Mark Rudolph called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

39 Opening Prayer: Rev. Ken Cook opened with prayer.

40 Determination of Quorum (10% of Members present): Using a printed roll of the members,
41 regular church attendees, and clergy, Mr. Tolbert took attendance and noted a quorum was
42 present.

43 Annual Report Presentation: Copies of the 2019 Annual Report were distributed to all
44 attendees just prior to the meeting. The individual reports of various committees were
45 commended to the Congregation for private reading.

46 Secretary's Report: Minutes of the February 3, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting were
47 included in the 2019 Annual Report. A motion was made to dispense of the reading of
48 these minutes. This motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

49 Other Business: Mr. Ray Baker presented proposed Bylaw Amendments to the
50 congregation, previously voted and approved by the Vestry on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.
51 The Bylaw Amendments required approval of two thirds of the present quorum of
52 congregation members. A 1st motion to approve of the proposed Bylaw Amendments was
53 made by Mr. Pat Roddy and a 2nd motion to approve was made by Mr. Steve Christian. No
54 further discussion. A full voice vote of the congregation was made, and the Bylaw
55 Amendments were unanimously approved. Mr. Chris Freisheim recognized Mr. Ray Baker's
56 time commitment and effort to review and update the Bylaw Amendments with the
57 congregation showing appreciation with applause.

58 Rector's Report: Rev. Rudolph provided an oral summary of his written report, included in
59 the 2019 Annual Report.

60 Pastor for Christian Formation Report: Rev. Cook provided his written report, included in
61 the 2019 Annual Report.

62 Mission's Committee Report: No oral report provided. The committees' written report was
63 included in the 2019 Annual Report.

64 Accounting Warden's Report: Mr. Gray provided an oral summary of the 2019-year end
65 finances which were included in the 2019 Annual Report. Mr. Gray also presented the
66 Vestry-approved 2019 Budget also included in the 2019 Annual Report. A 1st motion was
67 made by Mr. Steve Christian to support the budget. This motion was seconded by Mr. Ron
68 Fell, and approved by voice vote.

69 Rector's Warden Report: Mr. C. Freisheim provided an oral summary of his written report,
70 included in the 2019 Annual Report.

71 Election of New Vestry Members: Mr. C. Freisheim introduced the slate of Vestry
72 candidates of Mr. Philip M. Tolbert and Mr. Chestley Schmitt. A 1st motion was made by
73 Mr. Chris Freisheim to dispense of the use of paper ballots to elect this slate. This motion
74 was seconded by Mr. Ron Fell and approved. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Christian to
75 accept the vestry candidates. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pat Roddy and approved
76 by voice vote.

77 Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded
78 and approved by voice vote.

79 Final Prayer: Rev. Rudolph closed the meeting in prayer at 1:07 p.m.

80 Respectfully submitted with Glory to God by,

81 Charles F. Steege

82 CLERGY AND VESTRY REPORTS

83 RECTOR'S REPORT

84 *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,*
85 *since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the*
86 *saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. (Colossians 1:3-5)*

87 The bylaws state that "at the [annual] meeting, the Rector ... shall inform the members
88 through reports on the state of the Corporation" (Article III, Section 2). This is my
89 thirteenth iteration of compliance with that requirement.

90 Much of what is included in the Annual Meeting document constitutes detailed information
91 about various aspects of the work of St. John's and I commend those specific reports to you.

92 COMMENDATION

93 Having just finished a sermon series from the book of Colossians, it seems appropriate to
94 open with the same opening used by Paul in his letter to Colossae. In spite of a challenging
95 year, I have seen serious efforts to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
96 (Ephesians 4:3).

97 Strangely, St. John's has actually grown in size, thanks to your engagements in people's
98 lives and your invitations to join our family. Who would have thought that an international
99 pandemic would be a model for church growth? Additionally, as you will see in the financial
100 report, the Lord has sustained our finances in an equally remarkable way, due to your
101 faithfulness. These two things in themselves are stunning.

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COVID-19

103 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) causes Coronavirus
104 disease 2019. We commonly know the disease as COVID-19. The occurrence of this disease
105 has twice shut down public worship for short periods and made worship — both in-person
106 and remote — a strange experience for us all.

107 This pandemic has prevented the development of a number of ideas. Some of the things we
108 still hope to accomplish, as well as things we wish to reinstate, but COVID-19 has thus far
109 prevented, include:

- 110 • a reading group for kids and moms,
- 111 • a summer neighborhood event,
- 112 • a farmer’s market,
- 113 • in-person meetings of small groups and Bible studies,
- 114 • Christian education — sadly ended in the middle of our “Thinking Christianly” series
115 for adults, as well as our Christian education program for children (thank you
116 Denise Simone and Lynn Rudolph for all your preparation work!),
- 117 • once-per-month meals and weekly coffee times, and,
- 118 • implementation of St. John’s emergency protocols (thank you, Paul Richart, for your
119 masterful work in assembling this document and establishing the procedures).¹

120 Nevertheless, several initiatives and events have continued our life together at St. John’s.
121 Most important among them are:

- 122 • Porch groups: home groups that are not so much Bible studies, as mini-worshipping
123 communities, allowing unchurched people to enter the “front porch” of St. John’s in
124 a non-threatening and winsome way,²
- 125 • Web site redesign: with a fresh new face and a “branding” that is more accessible to
126 those who are trying to discover who St. John’s is,
- 127 • Beautification: including removing the rock garden’s in the corners of the narthex, a
128 type of “banner” over the door to the nave encouraging people to worship with
129 “angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven”,
- 130 • Foundations/new members: providing a path both for new members to become
131 acquainted with St. John’s *and* a means by which existing members can refresh their
132 understanding of St. John’s core beliefs and priorities,³

¹ This topic will be revisited once building use is normalized post-COVID-19.

² It is our desire to see every family involved in some sort of small group: whether hosting a porch group or attending a Bible study small group.

³ It is our desire to see every member attend a Foundations course.

- 133 • Weekly sung compline: recorded on our YouTube channel “St. John’s Anglican
134 Church Digital Media”,
- 135 • A confirmation with eleven confirmands — a glorious day in the Lord and with our
136 Bishop Steve!
- 137 • Refinement of the bulletin’s contents for worshippers unfamiliar with our liturgy —
138 this may feel like a small change for many, until the many hours of discussion and
139 iterations of change are taken into account.

140 It would be an oversight if I didn’t mention the significant efforts and energy put into
141 maintaining worship during the two periods that we did not meet in person. It needs to be
142 noted that within *one week*, we went from regular and customary weekly worship, to
143 planning and finding ways to have music, the elements of the Lord’s Supper, and other
144 aspects of worship broadcast (initially) *via* Zoom and then subsequently on YouTube.
145 Thank you, Steve McCollum and choral scholars and Pastors Josh and Ken for your
146 courageous decision to meet in person, so that we could broadcast those worship services.

147 Major kudos are due for Ray Baker for his painstaking work getting us online, keeping us
148 online, and for constantly improving the experience, both for the leaders and for the
149 congregation. It’s a process that continues to this day. Thank you, Kyle Landiak for your
150 leadership in the sound room and the participation of Chris Freisheim, too.

151 Hearty thanks for those who have braved the risk of getting sick to join us for worship *and*
152 for those, who through wisdom tune in: the church is a church, because of its people. Your
153 faithful attendance, your encouraging words, your continued giving are all deeply moving
154 to us.

155 Please know that your giving is being well-used. Our missions giving has been significant —
156 see the financial report — and has had impact from Nicaragua to Tanzania to Philadelphia.
157 It has been used to pay for medical care for Bishop Sadock and teacher’s salaries and
158 improvements to physical plant at Logan Hope — and in many other ways, too!
159 Contributions to the rector’s discretionary fund have been gratefully received and
160 judiciously and prudently distributed to as many as have had need. All this and many other
161 things not mentioned are because of your generosity.

162 RECTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

163 As the rector, it’s my job to provide the primary spiritual oversight of the congregation,
164 serve as the “chief liturgical officer” (i.e., oversee worship services), and serve as a kind of
165 Chief Executive Office of the church’s corporate day to day business, overseeing the staff.

166 In addition to these things, I am the Secretary of the Board of Christian Legal Clinics of
167 Philadelphia, a member of the Diocesan Council (the Board of the Diocese of Christ our
168 Hope), I also serve as one of Christian Legal Clinics of Philadelphia’s chaplains, and finally, I
169 serve as a chaplain to the John Jay Institute together with Ken Cook.

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THANKSGIVING

171 I am deeply thankful for our team.

- 172 • Josh Ruiter continues to be a great addition to our team; I appreciate his continued
173 spinning of great ideas!
- 174 • Ken Cook continues to be a warm-hearted pastor and sound academic resource.
- 175 • Bill Kenney labors unceasingly for the well-being of our Lancaster sister church and
176 faithfully serves with the Care Givers group, praying for and encouraging many in
177 our congregation.
- 178 • Steve McCollum is a rich musical resource, as we continue the work widening the
179 scope and increasing the quality of our music. He has also brought insights
180 regarding the didactic nature of worship and the value of beauty as an aspect of the
181 image of God in humanity.
- 182 • Phil Shade continues to be an extensive resource regarding traditional music, as
183 well as our faithful organist, while continuing to wear multiple other hats as a
184 business leader and assistant to Bishop Dobbs of the Diocese of the Living Word.
- 185 • Cindy continues to hold all the disparate personalities and parts together — she’s
186 “the boss”!
- 187 • I’m also thankful for our departing vestry members Rachel Roddy and Carole
188 Ziegler. Thank you for your faithful service to St. John’s over the past years!
- 189 • I am especially grateful for my Senior Warden, Chris Freisheim. He has been a
190 faithful friend, confidant, counselor, and filter. Thank you, brother, for your service,
191 both to St. John’s and to me! I look forward to working again with Ray Baker.

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CONCLUSION

193 For decades now, my motto has been from Ephesians 4, “to equip the saints for the work of
194 ministry, for building up the body of Christ”. After more than 35 years of pastoral ministry,
195 that continues to be my goal.

196 As for the local body of Christ at St. John’s, Josh and I continue to apply what has become
197 our vision statement for the church.

198 *As a church, we strive to reach people through beauty and hospitality, to shape*
199 *people through worship and discipleship, joining with the Christ Jesus in his*
200 *redemptive work of making all things new, for the glory of God and the good of the*
201 *Delaware Valley.*

202 Thank you for joining us as we strive together.

203 As always, I strive to be,
204 Your *servus servorum Dei*,

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The Rev. Mark E. Rudolph, Rector

Active Adult Members		Official Acts	
Total 2020	68	Total 2020	13
Plus Confirmations	8	Baptisms	1
Plus Receptions/Transfer Letters In	5	Confirmations	11
Plus Attainment of Age 18	1	Receptions	
Less Transfer Letters Out		Marriages	0
Less Number of Deaths	-2	Ordinations	0
Total 2021	80	Burials	6
Number of Services 2020		Average Attendance Per Sunday	
Sundays (precovid)	30	Sundays (precovid)	104
Sundays & Holidays † (post-covid)	82	Sundays & Holidays † (post-covid) *	91
Compline	65		
Family Prayer	15	* Lancaster not included	
Repentance On Ash Wednesday	1		
Memorial & Burial Services	6		
† includes Christmas, Easter & Ascension			

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ASSISTANT RECTOR

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“The Great Commission is too big for anyone to accomplish alone and too important not to try to do together.”

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—Steve Moore

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As 2020 rang in with joy, hope, goals, and dreams, for many in the world it was quickly halted and became a year known for a global pandemic, political and racial unrest, and deep, dark loneliness. For many, much of the year was spent in quarantine, whether by choice or by the nature of their living situations or loved ones needs. For many, friendships and relationships felt tension over political and racial tensions we were force-fed by news, digital, social, and print media. And yet, and yet, Christ continued his work in the world, offering hope where there was no hope, offering a source of eternal joy, when it felt like all the happiness was gone from the world, and offering a place to belong where our identities are in Him, and what he has done for us, not in worldly disputes or brokenness. As Christ continued his work, he made good use of his church, and of St. John’s, in particular. Despite what may seem like a dreary year for the world around us, St. John’s grew in depth, in size, in maturity, and in reach.

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2020 was a year filled with missional living, discipleship, and spiritual formation. We experienced growth in newcomers from churches who didn’t reopen their doors, from

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226 post-graduate scholars spending semesters at a time with us and with the John Jay
227 Institute, with non-believers building relationships with us as a church family, entering in,
228 and experiencing the lived-out love of Christ through his body, the church. We grew in
229 depth through regular online evening prayer at the outset of Covid-19, through 35+ people
230 taking the Foundations Course, our new membership and first level of discipleship cohort
231 offered for everyone, and through Porch Groups. We grew in reach through the
232 beautification project started this past fall, through the rejuvenated website, tailored for
233 the person who is not yet here but is searching for a place to belong, and through Porch
234 Groups where believers and seekers came together across the Delaware Valley in different
235 townships to eat together, fellowship together, and pray together. A few of the biggest
236 highlights were:

237 FOUNDATIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

238 We launched the Foundations Course in the fall of 2019 as the new membership cohort
239 (class) for all new members, with a deep desire for all existing and prospective members of
240 St. John's to participate in a cohort. We have had several existing members and newcomers
241 (now new members!!) participate in one of the three Foundations Courses that we have
242 held. The desire for both long-time St. John's members and new members to attend is
243 threefold:

- 244 1. To build relationships and share experience between newer and longer-standing St.
245 John's family members.
- 246 2. To be able to share in a common vision and mission for the future, with a shared
247 vocabulary regarding who we are as a church and what we are specifically called to
248 as Christians in 2020 and beyond.
- 249 3. To teach and reteach the foundations of the faith, and the particulars of St. John's
250 with shared voice and experience both young and old.

251 Out of the three cohorts we are thrilled that we welcomed 16 new members/confirmations
252 as well as a number of existing members who enjoyed Foundations, grew from their time in
253 a cohort, and were able to share out of their experience through the cohort.

254 We would invite and ask you all to consider signing up for a Foundations Course in the fall
255 of 2021 or Spring of 2022!

256 PORCH GROUPS

257 In 2020 our Porch group ministry really began to take off! We had one Porch Group in
258 2019-2020 that continued on strong and launched 3 of their members into international
259 missions this past month (thanks Chuck & Sue Steege!). Following a Porch Group leaders
260 meeting this summer, we launched 4 Porch Groups this year, and are working to continue
261 to expand the reach of the groups. Thank you to all the volunteer leaders for your heart,

262 your sharing in the vision, and your dedication to love on people well (even when you are
263 tired!).

264 If you live in the Souderton, Chalfont, Abington, Langhorne, or Horsham neighborhoods we
265 strongly recommend you plug in to an existing Porch Group in your area! If you live
266 elsewhere, we are continually seeking to expand the reach (demographically and
267 geographically) of the Porch Groups, such that one day there will be a Porch Group in every
268 township in Bucks and Montgomery counties! Please reach out to us and find out where
269 your local group is gathering or for more information on launching a new group in your
270 township!

271 **BEAUTY**

272 If you have been able to make it back to St. John's physical space in the last 6 months you
273 might have noticed the wonderful beautification to our space. We have removed the
274 cordoned off loose rock areas and replaced them with well poured concrete painted with
275 our Celtic cross symbol. We also have had transom (the large strip of wall above the
276 windows leading into the sanctuary) painted in a deep blue with gold lettering, proclaiming
277 "Therefore, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven..." inviting us all into
278 worship each Sunday morning with a reminder of the glory and transcendence of our great
279 God!!

280 Stay tuned for more beautification to come in 2021, in varying places throughout our
281 physical space! And when you notice the work that has been or is being done, we can thank
282 the talented and wonderful Christy Baker (yes, the name should be familiar) for her efforts
283 in being our artist for the beautification project!!

284 **WEBSITE**

285 You may have noticed a brand-new website, launched in the early fall of 2020, and if you
286 haven't, we encourage you to check it out at www.toknowchrist.org. As our old website
287 server crashed, we had the opportunity to evaluate and relaunch a website with some
288 aesthetic upgrades and slight shift in purpose! Our new website features a very outward
289 facing design, meant to be a place where a newcomer or someone seeking Christ, a church,
290 or place to ask questions safely, can come and explore faith in the context of their life and
291 story. It is a story telling website, telling both the story of St. John's, the story of the Gospel,
292 and the story we are writing now and in the next 5-10 years in worship, spiritual
293 formation, beauty, generous hospitality, missional living, and opportunities to build deep,
294 Christ-centered relationships. In the screen-oriented world we live in, we desired to build a
295 website that in 30 seconds or less would grab a person's attention and drive them to look
296 deeper, and we believe we succeeded in that with the help of a wonderful website
297 developer! Check out the new website when you have a moment.

298 In all of these efforts we strove to continue to grow in spiritual formation and missional
299 reach, and we are both thrilled to see these things continue to grow and flourish as we
300 enter 2021!! Thank you all for your love for Christ, His church, his family, and for those who

301 are not yet here. It has been a joyous year for us, your clergy, to watch you and join you in
302 continuously growing in loving your neighbors as yourselves, and loving God with all that
303 you are: heart, soul, and mind. Let us be salt and light together again in 2021, and let Christ
304 bless his church, and in particular St. John's.

305 In Christ,

306 Pastor Josh, Assistant Rector

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ASSOCIATE RECTOR

308 By God's Grace in Christ, A Surprisingly Good Year Which Bodes Well for the Future

309 If my title for the last year's report (2020) seems totally out-of-touch, I suppose that I am
310 compounding the apparent problem by noting that it is almost identical with the title for
311 the previous year's report (2019)! The only variance in the two titles is this year's
312 replacement of "a very good year" with "a surprisingly good year"! Without a doubt - and I
313 assume that we all have had our moments of doubt in 2020 - this last year has been difficult
314 and challenging, and sometimes frightening. Further, I had no idea what lay ahead when I,
315 in faith, chose to do a little prognostication. However, it seems to me that, then as now,
316 everything hangs upon "God's grace in Christ"! This has made all the difference during
317 2019 and 2020 and will make all the difference in 2021 and in the years that lie ahead!
318 Thankfully, both in good times and bad, Christians are the recipients of God's undeserved,
319 unearned, love which is freely given to us (ie: by "grace") in Christ. Compare Ephesians
320 1:7-8 - "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
321 according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us in all wisdom . . . " And
322 further, God's grace in Christ is, unlike our circumstances and ourselves, unchanging, solely
323 because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). As
324 Adoniram Judson, likely the first native-born American foreign missionary (1788-1850),
325 said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God."

326 While I think that the past year (and the immediate future) has to be seen as a time of God's
327 active judgment, it has also proven to be a time of genuine and positive refinement for the
328 international people of God in the Church, with whom judgment customarily begins (1
329 Peter 4:17). Typically, we have found ourselves needing to draw closer to God in Christ.
330 Likely, we have come to have a deeper understanding of what it means to trust God on the
331 basis of his Word. Perhaps we have been driven to rely upon the Holy Spirit more fully for
332 the faith we hope to exercise in one set of circumstances or another. We have probably
333 come to grips with a fact that was there all along - life on planet Earth (that is, in a fallen
334 world) - is innately risky, and only relationship with our Heavenly Father adequately
335 equips us for the challenges of each day. Very commonly, we have realized more clearly
336 that we exist to glorify and to worship the Holy Trinity. For certain, we have come to have
337 a much deeper appreciation of the value of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in
338 Christ. We have come to embrace the sacraments - Holy Communion and Baptism - with a
339 new fervor. Our bishop and our relationship with other churches is more important than in
340 the past. We are aware of the needs of others, both within the Church and outside of the

341 Church and in the tumultuous national and international society around us in a new way. I
342 am certain that we see the need for prayer, evangelism and conversion and repentance as a
343 necessity. We at St. John's, like our fellow followers of Christ worldwide, have been
344 rebuked for a good deal of shallow faith (see Revelation 3:15-22), only to find that
345 opportunities, new and old, exist by which we may serve our Creator and Redeemer!

346 I have been struck by the ways in which our orthodox Prayer Book tradition - flowing from
347 1549, 1552, 1662, 1928, and now 2019 - serves needy people so well. Arisen from cultures
348 and times in which serious danger by means of plague, warfare and chaos were norms, our
349 liturgy, the collects, the prefaces and their association with multiple readings from the
350 Psalms, the apostolic writings and the Gospels has served us very well at both 8:00 and
351 10:00 a.m. services. Our worship of the One who "upholds the universe by the word of his
352 power" (Hebrews 1:3) has been heightened in person and online. I thank all those who
353 have contributed to this upsurge in devotion in the midst of an extended time of testing.
354 But, rightly so, all the glory goes to God alone!

355 Bible Studies, on Wednesday mornings (the Women's Bible Study, 10:00-12:00) and
356 Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00, have proven to be a major source of encouragement. We
357 meet via Zoom. The women worked their way through a good deal of the Gospel of
358 Matthew in the spring. Throughout the fall and into winter we have managed to reflect on
359 about the first half of the Psalms. Because they reflect on just about every kind of human
360 experience and emotional response, while teaching how to trust and pray in-depth, and
361 point to the perennial response of praise to God who never fails his people, the Psalms have
362 lifted us up when we felt like a shambles. The Wednesday evening group has just now
363 completed a year and a half in the 50 chapters of Genesis. At times it has been a shock to
364 see that our most ancient forefathers in faith were anything but sinless. However, I think
365 that this has helped all of us realize just how great our need for relationship with Holy God
366 by means of grace, rather than by lives that at least we might deem satisfactory is. The
367 sisters will continue with Psalms until Lent, when we will return to the last five chapters of
368 Matthew and some messianic psalms. The evening study will reflect on 1 and 2 Timothy
369 through later May. Now is a good time to join either group. Gentlemen, the morning group
370 is only for the ladies! Let Margie or me know if you're interested in coming aboard one of
371 these groups.

372 John Jay Institute on the campus of Cairn University, Langhorne, has provided both Mark
373 and me the opportunity to come alongside young, mature Christian disciples who are being
374 very intentionally prepared for a lifetime of "principled public leadership". Both spring and
375 fall are the occasion for 15-week semesters which involve a great deal of Christian
376 community and five intensive courses and field trips. JJI is directed by Professor Greg
377 Schaller. Mark and I provide some weekly services of Morning and Evening Prayer, brief
378 expositions and applications of Scripture and pastoral friendship. I have the privilege of
379 leading the daily seminar classes for the middle module. Many of you will have been aware
380 of some of these future leaders attending services at St. John's since fall, 2017. Please pray
381 for the Fellows, Roman Catholic and Protestant. Likely, they will be involved in some way
382 in helping to shape the future!

383 I regret to report what you already know: Visitation ministry has been quite limited
384 throughout this year. We hope that this circumstance can be reversed as the year goes
385 along. Incidentally (and related): one of the fall's John Jay Fellows said that St. John's was
386 the warmest, most welcoming church that they had encountered in the last few years. Even
387 in the midst of COVID-19, we must see to it that this remains a reality.

388 Denise Simone, working with a network of parishioners, has done everything she can
389 conceive of to enable St. John's to retain its passionate concern for the sanctity of human
390 life from conception to natural death. Please do what you can to aid and advance St. John's
391 Pro-Life Ministry in a time when that may well become even more counter-cultural (if that
392 is possible!) than has been the case since the onset of Roe v. Wade. Again, we hope that our
393 participation in this form of ministry can become more involved in the near future.

394 I salute you, brothers and sisters in Christ, as we together "desire (seek, place) first the
395 kingdom of God and his righteousness." As we do, we can trust that all the other things we
396 need will be added to us as well (Matthew 6:33). In the grace of Christ, this past year bodes
397 well for the future!

398 Yours in Christ,

399 (The Rev.) Ken Cook
400 Associate Pastor for Christian Formation

401 **RECTOR'S WARDEN REPORT**

402 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God
403 through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by
404 faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of
405 God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering
406 produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character
407 produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has
408 been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to
409 us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ dies for the
410 ungodly.... More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus
411 Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."
412 Romans 5:1-6, 11

413 With joy and thanksgiving, I once again write to the congregation of St. John's to reflect on
414 the past year. It has certainly been an incredibly strange year in the life of the
415 congregation, but once again, I am very thankful that the Lord has blessed us in many ways.

416 What started out as a normal season in the life of the church was drastically impacted in
417 March, with the onset of the global pandemic, and resulting restrictions on gathering in
418 large groups. Out of an abundance of caution, St. John's took the unprecedented step of
419 moving to virtual worship for several months, including Eastertide. While challenging, I
420 give thanks for the many folks that stepped up to ensure the best virtual worship

421 experience possible. What began on Zoom as recitation of morning prayer, grew to full
422 Holy Communion services with the elements distributed across the region to members,
423 including music and song. We can all be grateful for the technological innovation that
424 enabled us to be together while still apart. Thankfully, after a few months, we have
425 returned to in person worship.

426 Although Sunday mornings are a bit different, it is still a blessing to get out of the house and
427 be together to worship the Lord with the family. And for those who prefer, thanks to the
428 hard work and innovation of Ray Baker, the virtual church experience is still available to
429 those who need it, and for those who seek to “check out” St. John’s before visiting. This is a
430 great new tool in help us reach our communities. Although I have not personally met all of
431 our online viewers, I do know that we have new regular attendees through this virtual
432 ministry. This is most encouraging to me. God has blessed us with growth despite these
433 challenges of 2020.

434 Many of our traditional activities to support our mission “to Know Christ and Make Him
435 Known” have been transformed in 2020. Core activities continued virtually as Zoom and
436 YouTube become more regular terminology for us. We also were blessed with a large
437 Confirmation Class this year. It is quite amazing and humbling to see the Lord working
438 even in the midst of the challenging pandemic times.

439 As a congregation, we must continue to be a light to our community, drawing people in. We
440 are also grateful for the new faces that continue to visit and stay with us. You are warmly
441 welcomed to the fellowship and we are glad you are with us. I am always amazed when
442 new folks join us, simply because of the many different ways in which they find their way to
443 St. John’s, and how the Lord brings us together, especially as 2020 brought such disruption
444 to what we used to see as normal.

445 As I reflect on my now final year as Rector’s Warden, I am thankful for having been given
446 the opportunity to serve the congregation over the last 5 years in this role, and 4 years
447 previous on vestry and as Secretary Warden. It truly has been a long road from our time
448 renting space from JFM, our abrupt move to Abington Baptist, and the great blessing of a
449 new permanent home in Churchville. God has continued to guide and bless St. John’s more
450 than we realize or see day to day. What is normal now in the life of St. John’s has been laid
451 over decades of foundational work. I am thankful to have played a part in her work.

452 I want to thank the retiring members of vestry, Rachel Roddy and Carole Ziegler, who
453 faithfully dedicated their time in the service of the church over the past 3 years. I am also
454 grateful that Ray Baker will step into the Rector’s Warden role once again and allow some
455 much-needed time off for me.

456 St. John’s has a long list of volunteers who dedicate countless hours to serve the Lord at St.
457 John’s, through reading, preparing the altar for services, reading the scriptures, providing
458 refreshments, praying, or just cleaning a floor or taking out the trash when needed. The
459 body is at work for which I am very thankful.

460 Finally, I continue to be grateful for the service of our clergy, and especially our Rector, and
 461 his faithful desire to lead St. John's in word and sacrament. May we always continue to
 462 seek Him first!

463 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us
 464 also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run
 465 with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder
 466 and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured
 467 the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne
 468 of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

469 Respectfully submitted,
 470 Chris Freisheim, Rector's Warden

471 **ACCOUNTING WARDEN'S REPORT**

472 **TREASURERS' REPORT**

473
 474 Thanks be to God St. John's was again financially blessed in 2020. Donations exceeded the
 475 budget while operational expenses were reduced, primarily due to COVID 19 restrictions.
 476 As a result, the Church ended the year in a substantially stronger financial position than it
 477 began.

478 **SUMMARY**

	2020			2019	
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)	Actual	2020 - 2019
Income					
Donations - Unrestricted	518,762	511,802	6,960	484,404	34,358
Other Income	0	0	0	300	(300)
Total Income	518,762	511,802	6,960	484,704	34,058
Expenses					
Tithe	103,752	102,360	1,392	103,130	623
Operating	389,107	409,442	(20,335)	367,667	21,440
Total Expenses	492,859	511,802	(18,943)	470,797	22,062
Net Income - Expenses	25,903	0	25,903	13,907	11,996

480 **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 481 1. Donations exceeded budget by \$6,960.
 482 2. We ended 2020 with over 3 months Cash on hand.

- 483 3. Spending was \$18,943 under budget, primarily due to reduced operations during
484 COVID-19 shutdown.
485 4. Net Donations exceeded Expenses for the year by \$25,903.
486 5. Compared to 2019 donations rose \$34,358 and expenses rose \$22,062 with a full
487 year of expenses for our Assistant Rector while in 2019 we only had ½ year of these
488 expenses.

489 PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

490 The following changes in procedure were implemented in 2020 in response to the COVID-
491 19 Pandemic. These changes were reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee to
492 improve efficiency in administrative processes.

493 Moved to ADP payroll service at a 50% cost reduction due to alliance with Bank of
494 America.

495 Paying most routine bills directly online via Bank of America online payment center.
496 Minimizing the use of physical checks.

497 Use of Zelle fund transfer service for both donations and payments.

498 Upload of Servant Keeper data from weekly deposit spread sheets and Zelle
499 summaries eliminating prior manual double entry process.

500 Inclusion of a Petty Cash Box account in Quicken and the monthly and annual Fund
501 summary.

502 Credit Cards, with fixed limits, were acquired in the names of the Administrative
503 Assistant and Assistant Rector. The use of these cards will reduce time, minimize
504 the use of cash and simplify the monthly accounting process.

505 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

506 The value of the Church's investment portfolio at year end was \$458,155. This is an
507 increase of \$101,598 over the 12/31/2019 balance of \$356,556. The increase in value
508 includes the net of stock donations of \$10,407 and a market value appreciation of \$91,191.

509 The portfolio mix was reviewed twice during the year with the Finance Committee. Modest
510 adjustments were made as a result. The end of the year mix is 63% Stocks, 30% Bonds and
511 7% short term reserves, consistent with the Finance Committee's recommendations.

FUND STATEMENT

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church											
Statement of Accounts (\$)											
Year End Dec 31, 2020											
Activity	Operating	Missions & Affiliation Tithes	Total Operating & Missions	Directed Missions	Lancaster Fellowship	Exchange Women's & AFL	Rector's Discretion	Capital (Future Blessings) Fund	Church Growth Fund	Accounts Total	
Balance 12/31/2019 ¹	253,688	42,006	295,694	6,746	29,622	5,215	459	10,472	112,172	460,381	
Intrafund Transfer ²				(3,397)		3,397					
Regular Income	518,762		518,762	8,817	8,630	1,085	6,985	1,332	-	545,611	
Memorials						2,010				2,010	
20% Tithe to Missions	(103,752)	103,752	-							-	
Invest Mkt. Val. Change	68,439		68,439						22,752	91,191	
Expenses	389,107	104,992	494,099	8,321	6,741	4,663	2,969	7,576	458	524,827	
Balance 12/31/20	348,030	40,766	388,797	3,844	31,511	7,044	4,475	4,228	134,466	574,366	
Tithe Balances:											
	12/31/2019	Accrued	Disbursed	12/31/2020	Committed				Cash Box:	Fund Balances	
	First	9,766	51,876	51,042	10,600	10,600			Checking Account:	653	
	Second	32,240	51,876	53,950	30,166	16,068			Investment Accounts:	115,558	
	Total	42,006	103,752	104,992	40,767	26,668			Total:	458,155	
Footnote: 1) Includes Petty Cash Box in overall accounting - \$466.90 and uncleared 2019 checks - \$422.87											
2) Transferred Memorial Gift monies out of Directed Missions into Exchange with donor approval - \$3,397											
Committed Second Tithe:											
				Harvest	2,400						
				WEC - Luke Stuart	7,800						
				Porch Groups	3,868						
				Nicaragua Education	2,000						
					16,068						

SPENDING REPORT AND 2021 BUDGET

Through December 31, 2020	Actual	Budget	Under/ (Over)	2021 Approved Budget	Notes
Income:					
Donations (Unrestricted)	518,762	511,802	6,960	522,700	1
Expenses:					
Worship	3,033	3,400	368	3,750	2
Christian Education	1,205	1,600	395	5,300	3
Fellowship	1,898	4,700	2,803	2,350	4
Staff					
Compensation Non Benefit Staff	17,746	20,894	3,148	21,852	
Compensation EEs with Benefits	189,040	189,466	426	196,359	
Employee Benefits	122,123	121,099	-1,024	126,869	5, 6
Staff Expenses	1,291	9,600	8,309	4,600	
Total Staff	330,200	341,059	10,859	349,680	7
Office, Administration & Misc.	7,204	8,600	1,396	7,650	8
Facilities	45,568	50,082	4,514	49,430	9
Total Expenses	389,107	409,442	20,335	418,160	
Tithes (Committed)					
Diocese of Christ Our Hope	51,876	51,180	-696	52,270	
Other Missional Investments	51,876	51,180	-696	52,270	
Expenses plus Tithes	492,859	511,802	18,943	522,700	
Net Donations less Tithes and Expenses	25,903	0	-25,903	0	

Notes:

- 1 - Represents a 2.1% increase over 2020 budget and 0.75% increase over 2020 donations
- 2 - Increase over 2020 budget for additional Guest Speaker
- 3 - Added budget lines for Foundations classes and new virtual Faith and Life adult education series.
- 4 - Recognize continuance of reduced costs due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- 5 - Over budget in 2020 as Vestry approved paying full 2020 pension in 2020 in addition to the full 2019 pension paid in 2020.
- 6 - Increase in 2021 represents an increase in pension contribution with new matching option.
- 7 - Reflects raises based on Finance Committee recommendation upon review of average national year over year salary increases.
- 8 - Reflects expected continued savings due to COVID-19 restrictions and other cost saving measures.
- 9 - 2020 below budget due to COVID-19 rebates of insurance premiums and reduced cleaning service during building shutdown.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

515 The Membership Report, identifying those qualified to vote at the congregational meeting,
516 was prepared and delivered to the Rector, Vestry, and judges of the Vestry election.

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518 Respectfully submitted,
519 Ray Baker
520 Accounting Warden

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BIOGRAPHIES OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

522

PAUL RICHART

523 I was raised a Roman Catholic in Philadelphia, PA. After meeting my wife Barbara Hand, I
524 began attending St. John’s in the early 1980s. Barb was baptized and confirmed here. We
525 were married at St. John’s by the Reverend Doctor Phillip Hughes in 1985. Except for the
526 five years Barb and I lived in St. Louis, I have been attending St. Johns. My two children
527 were baptized here by the Reverend Phillip Lyman.

528 I have served the church as an usher, head usher, and children’s church teacher during my
529 time here. I also volunteered with several of the outreach programs: Angel Tree project
530 and Logan Hope Christmas party.

531 I recently became an official member of St. John’s. I look forward to serving on the vestry.

532

DENISE SIMONE

533 Growing up half Catholic, half Presbyterian. I would occasionally go to Mass with my
534 maternal grandmother and then sometimes attend Neshaminy Warwick Presbyterian
535 Church with my father. However, I never really embraced either denomination. Once I left
536 home to pursue my career, my church attendance was infrequent.

537 It wasn’t until years later, as I was preparing to get married that I renewed my relationship
538 with Jesus Christ. I knew how important a relationship with Him would be to the
539 foundation and success of my marriage.

540 I have attended St. John's since 2016. In May 2017 I was confirmed into the Anglican faith.
541 Since joining the church I have served in Children’s Church and Altar Guild. I look forward
542 to serving on the Vestry, using the gifts the Lord has given me.

543

PROPERTY REPORT

544 God continues to provide for St. John’s Anglican Church. Every time I drive up and walk
545 through the door, I am thankful for the beautiful facility in which we have to worship. A

546 major project was conducted in the summer of 2020 when the Foundation provided a new
547 roof for the building. As part of the ongoing beautification and to expand the area, the two
548 stoned corners of the narthex were filled in with concrete and painted with the Church's
549 cross symbol. The entrance to the sanctuary was enhanced with an inscription added to
550 the transom and the cross symbol was placed on the window over the main entrance. To
551 facilitate production of virtual services, various online audio equipment was donated and
552 installed. At present the camera, tripod and monitor are on loan and donations towards
553 further improvements would be welcome.

554 On October 30th Deb Hedrick, Ray Baker, Chris Freisheim and I conducted a walk-through
555 of the entire facility including attic spaces, basements and mechanical areas. Ray created a
556 checklist to be used for every area of the building in an effort to find any current and
557 potential issues. As of this writing you may have noticed cooler than normal temperatures
558 in parts of the building. We are currently experiencing an issue with the heating system in
559 the wing containing the fellowship area, rest rooms and classrooms. We apologize for the
560 inconvenience but please know that we are aware, and that the situation is being
561 addressed. I never realized just how many light bulbs there are until we started counting
562 how many were not working. We have done our best to replace those found with LED
563 bulbs for longer reliability and lower ongoing costs. If you notice any that need to be
564 changed please let me know.

565
566 Yours in Christ,
567
568 Chess Schmitt
569 Property Manager

570 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP

571 CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

572 Although all Children's ministries were halted in March, we used the time to completely
573 reorganize the Children's Church/Sunday School classroom. We discarded old and/or
574 incomplete lessons, leftover craft supplies (which were donated to Logan Hope), and other
575 items not pertinent to Children's ministries.

576 We also began the process of certifying all volunteers who come in contact with children.
577 This was done to bring us into compliance with the requirements of the Christ Our Hope
578 Diocese. The certification process includes the following: 1) submission of an application,
579 2) National Sexual Offender background check, 3) Pennsylvania Child Abuse History
580 Certification, 4) Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check, 5) Code of Conduct for the Protection
581 of Children and Youth signed form, 6) review of the Christ Our Hope Policy Manual for the
582 Protection of Children, and 7) MinistrySafe *Sexual Abuse Awareness Training*. To date, a
583 number of our volunteers have completed the certification process. The rest will be
584 certified by the time we re-launch our Children's ministries.

585 Respectfully submitted,

586 Denise Simone

587 **BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER GROUPS**

588 **EVENING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

589 Evening Women's Fellowship, originally in Abington, meets every other Monday night on
590 Zoom from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We begin with sharing and prayer and then read a passage
591 from the Acts of the Apostles. For some, this is the first time reading about the life of the
592 early church. Watching the church grow through signs and wonders, the apostles'
593 preaching, and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit is inspiring and encouraging, especially
594 in this time when several of our members are enduring hardships. Everyone is welcome to
595 join. The link is included below. Handouts are available through email. For any questions or
596 concerns, call Margie Cook 215-360-4959 (auntiembc@aol.com).

597 **WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

598 This Women's Bible Study, active for more than 40 years, has evolved into a warm and
599 supportive fellowship group while still maintaining an in-depth Bible study. This year we
600 are looking into the Psalms known to Tim Keller as the "Songs of Jesus" and to Dietrich
601 Bonhoeffer as the "Prayerbook of the Bible". We have finished the first two books (Psalms
602 1-41 & 42-72) and will cover the third book (Psalms 73 to 89) before studying Matthew 24-
603 28 and Psalms 22 and 69 from March 3 to April 7. After this lenten excursion, we will
604 return to study the fourth book of (Psalms 90-106) before breaking for the summer (May
605 19). In the fall we'll pick up the fifth and final book (Psalms 107-150).

606 This Bible study, which encourages discussion, is taught by Ken and Margie Cook. We meet
607 on Zoom from 10 to 12 every Wednesday. The computer or smart phone link with phone
608 numbers to call in is below. For any questions and to receive handouts, contact Margie
609 Cook 215-360-4959 (auntiembc@aol.com). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94010089527>

610 For call in:

611 Meeting ID: 940 1008 9527

612 One tap mobile

613 +13017158592,94010089527# US (Germantown)

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615 Dial by your location

616 +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

617 +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

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PRAYER CHAIN

619 The email prayer chain functions as a means of communicating prayer needs throughout
620 the congregation. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be, please email your
621 request to prayer@toknowchrist.org. All requests can be sent to the same address or can
622 be called into the church office, 215-396-1970. If you share a prayer request, please keep
623 in mind that those who pray with you will want to know how God answers, so please also
624 give an update when appropriate. When you wish to respond to a prayer need, please be
625 sure to email the one asking for prayer, whose email should be included, and do not just
626 simply hit "reply". Thank you for participating in this wonderful ministry which builds up
627 the Body and gives glory to Christ!

628 Paul says to the Corinthians, "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give
629 thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many" (2
630 Corinthians 1:11).

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SATURDAY EVENING PRAYER

632 The Saturday Evening Prayer Group meets once a month on a Saturday evening to conduct
633 an Evening Prayer Service from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. We follow the
634 lectionary as set forth in the Prayer Book. The services are held at the home of one of the
635 group members on a rotating basis. Following the service, we have a "themed" pot-luck
636 dinner and fellowship time. The children of those attending participate in the service and
637 fellowship as well. Attendance varies from eight to twenty or more per session. Edith
638 Wegner schedules the sessions with the service conducted by Ron Fell. We are always
639 looking for new families to join our group and are especially grateful if you would like to
640 serve as a host. For more information, please contact Ron Fell at 215-355-8584 or
641 rsecureone@aol.com.

642 Due to Covid-19 our activities have been suspended.

643 Respectfully submitted in His Service,

644 Ronald W. Fell

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WORSHIP

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ALTAR GUILD

647 What a train ride we had in 2020! First thank you to the clergy who had to step in and
648 prepare the altar for services during the COVID - 19 Express! Actually, it was more like a

649 slow boat to/from China. We are still traveling with hopes that the end of “quarantine” will
650 be coming soon.

651 Also, thanks to all the ladies who are willing to serve during this restricted time. It is
652 important for everyone to feel safe and not worry about taking health risks. At this time,
653 the clergy is still setting up for services and members of the altar guild are cleaning up!

654 Any woman who might be interested in serving our Lord in this ministry, please contact
655 either Deb Freisheim (215-886-9464) or Lillian Thompson (215-672-8043) for additional
656 information. A member serves for a month at a time with two (2) or three (3) women
657 working together. Detailed training is provided, and all new members work with
658 experienced people. The only requirement for a new member is a willingness of heart and
659 hands to participate in this essential ministry for the glory of God.

660 Please remember the needs and “wish” list of the altar guild if interested in contributing a
661 gift to the church in memory of a loved one. Again, contact Lillian or Deb for ideas and
662 needs.

663 Additionally, if someone is interested in arranging altar flowers, please contact Deb
664 Freisheim for more information. Additional help is required for Easter and Christmas
665 services. Arranging is only needed for Sunday services if a parishioner desires a flower
666 memorial for a loved one. A basic workshop on flower arranging can be held if someone is
667 interested.

668 Thank you again for your willingness, dedication and service in this ministry. What a
669 privilege it is to serve our Lord in this manner. Let us continue to serve with joyful and
670 thankful hearts.

671 Respectfully submitted,
672 Deb Freisheim and Lillian Thompson

673 LAY READERS AND CHALICE BEARERS

674 Paul wrote to the Romans: “I am not ashamed of the Gospel; it is the power of God for
675 salvation to everyone who has faith” (Romans 1:16 RSV). The Gospel is the heart of
676 worship at St. John’s Anglican Church, and we proclaim it gladly as we strive “To Know
677 Christ and To Make Him Known.”

678 A group of loyal and dedicated parishioners serve as the Lay Readers for our worship
679 services. They take this role very seriously, prayerfully and carefully preparing for their
680 reading with the goal that the message God has for us in each passage can be heard and
681 understood clearly by those who have come to worship. We hope that you appreciate this
682 service to the parish and that you will thank the readers for their conscientious efforts.

683 Six individuals also serve the chalice for the Eucharist at the request of the Rector. If
684 anyone is interested in being a lay reader, please don't hesitate to contact me to get on the
685 schedule.

686 Clearly, 2020 brought some changes due to the Pandemic, and we have temporarily
687 suspended serving in these capacities. We are looking forward to returning to normal one
688 day soon and hope to find ourselves reading and serving faithfully once again in 2021.

689 Respectfully submitted,
690 Chris Freisheim

691 MUSIC

692 As all are aware, 2020 brought sweeping changes to the usual mode of operation at St.
693 John's and churches everywhere. As such, the music ministry at St. John's was forced to
694 adapt to the new circumstances that we all faced. Fortunately, we at St. John's have
695 enjoyed an ongoing, robust participation and application in our worship services due to
696 God's blessing and the steps taken to minimize exposure to the virus. In the music area, the
697 cycle of adaptation to the lock-down proceeded as follows:

- 698 • Dr. McCollum joined the clergy for Zoom services, chanting/singing as appropriate.
699 All activity by the choir was (and remains) suspended.
- 700 • As we began to open the church for worship again in the summer, Mallory McCollum
701 and Phil Shade joined Dr. McCollum in covering the musical expressions in the
702 liturgy.
- 703 • As we moved into fall, the Choral Scholars returned and joined the worship services.
- 704 • New initiatives for the fall included weekly presentations of Compline on Thursday
705 nights. These services were web cast on the church's YouTube channel.

706 Plans for the spring of 2021 will continue to include the Choral Scholars' involvement in
707 our worship services and continuation of Compline on Thursday nights. The re-
708 initialization of the choir will remain undetermined until such time as the circumstances
709 warrant and the choir's viability seems promising.

710 As always, all musical initiatives are subject to the purview of the Rector.

711 Respectfully Submitted,



712 Steven McCollum

713 Director of Music

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MISSIONS

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NICARAGUA STUDENT PROGRAM

716 The Nicaragua student program had another successful year in 2020, the 12th year of our
717 program in Santa Maria, a small community in the northwest part of Nicaragua. In 2020,
718 there were 9 sponsored students in university, and 10 students in secondary school, which
719 runs from February through November. Students are required to attend tutoring and
720 English class, as well as maintain good grades. We are happy that all of our secondary
721 school students in 2020 completed their full year requirements, despite the impact of the
722 pandemic.

723 Several of our university students' plans were disrupted due to the pandemic, but all are
724 working to get back on track through winter classes or planning to catch up in 2021.

725 We were once again blessed to have our local tutor, Kevin Morales, working diligently to
726 teach our students English, as well as help them in their day-to-day studies. Kevin has
727 provided our valuable on the ground support each and every week. Kevin lives in Santa
728 Maria and is well suited to continue our mission in Santa Maria, Nicaragua. I am in regular
729 communication with Kevin and many of our students through him.

730 We had 1 student complete his technical university studies this year, and he has begun to
731 work in a local factory that manufactures car parts. We are thrilled for the progress he has
732 made.

733 Thanks to all the sponsors who continue to bless these young people in ways you may not
734 even see. The Lord is continuing to bless the ministry and please continue to keep all our
735 sponsored students in your prayers.

736 Respectfully submitted,

737 Chris Freisheim

First Tithe:	
Diocese of Christ Our Hope	\$ 51,042
Second Tithe:	
Recurring:	
Sadock Makaya	\$ 13,000
Anglicans For Life	\$ 1,194
Harvest	\$ 4,800
Samaritan's Purse	\$ 484
Nicaragua Mission	\$ 3,036
LOGAN Hope	\$ 5,000
WEC International (Luke Stuart)	\$ 750
One of a Kind:	
Hope Light - Bishop Andudu	\$ 2,000
International Christian High School	\$ 700
The Academy Of Arts Christian Conservatory	\$ 150
Clergy Care Fund - Diocese of Christ Our Hope	\$ 5,000
Anchor Fund - Diocese of Christ Our Hope	\$ 5,000
Rwanda Partner Ministry - COVID Relief	\$ 5,000
Church Web Site	\$ 2,635
Porch Groups	\$ 202
Harvey Cedars Bible Conference	\$ 5,000
Total Second Tithe:	\$ 53,950
Grand Total Missions:	\$ 104,992